

PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES

*March 21, 2017 5:30 pm  
The Marketing Plant  
137 S Broadway Ave, Albert Lea*

**Members Present:**

Dan Borland  
Brian Hensley  
Vern Rasmussen, Sr.  
Mark Calderon, Vice Chairman  
Anne Sternhagen  
Chris Utz, Chairman  
Jane Grund  
Jason Howland (Ex-officio)

**Members Absent:**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jerry Gabrielatos, Assistant City Manager  
Bob Furland, Interim Recreation Director  
Jennifer Davis, Recreation Program Supervisor  
Joe Grossman, Parks Interim Director  
Jennifer Nelson, Office Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Dennis Dieser, Executive Director at the Albert Lea Family Y  
Gary Hagen, 501 Albert Lea St., Albert Lea

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Chris Utz.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda was made by Vern Rasmussen, Sr. and seconded by Dan Borland and was approved on a 7-0 voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mark Calderon to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting and was approved on a 7-0 voice vote.

**Update Items:**

**Senior Center:** Casino trip planned for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Parks:** Joe Grossman advised staff was looking at replacing the Hayek playground equipment, although the equipment would be located to close to the baseball field and doesn't feel it would be safe, incidentally someone has already been hit with a baseball. Grossman has discussed a possible alternative locations for equipment, one of the possibilities include fitness stations along a walking path.

**Arena:** Bob Furland advised the new scoreboard will be put in this week along with the soccer carpet. Bids have come in for the replacement of the air conditioning system for approximately \$140,000 in which half of the cost for the project will be covered by the Mighty Ducks Grant the City was awarded.

Furland has been in discussions with the Youth Hockey Association and the association will be selling ads for the dasher boards and proceeds will go toward half the cost of the purchase of new dasher boards for the Nystrom Arena. Bids will for the dasher boards will be going out at the end of the week.

**Recreation:** Arena Field Day is coming up this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon, a mystery movie will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Davis advised that 42 kids attend the Thursday fun day over spring break. Chris Utz commented he heard positive feedback for this event. Davis along with Teresa Kauffmann are currently putting the finishing touches on the summer brochure. Open interviews are being held for summer staff at this time on Wednesdays for the next couple weeks and the first open interview was well attended and seems to be working out well.

**Board Planning Retreat:**

Presented by Dennis Dieser, Executive Director at the Albert Lea Family Y.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made at 7:40 p.m. by Brian Hensley to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Anne Sternagen motion was carried.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at The Senior Citizens Center located at the Skyline Plaza, 1739 W Main Street.

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board 2017 Spring and Summer tentative meeting date schedule as follows;**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** Senior Citizens Center (Skyline Plaza), 1739 W Main St., Albert Lea MN

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Hayek Field (Warming House), 1215 W Clark St, Albert Lea MN

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** Academy Park (Warming House), 910 Frank Hall Dr., Albert Lea, MN

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** Pioneer Park Pavilion, 100 Hawthorne St, Albert Lea MN

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Edgewater Bay Pavilion, 1940 Edgewater Dr., Albert Lea MN

Respectfully submitted,

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Bob Furland  
Parks and Recreation

Approved:

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Chris Utz  
Park & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman